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Fire-bomb victim is acquitted

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort Staff

but it still hasn't stuck in," said Thomson.

The Port Colborne man had been facing a count of careless use of a firearm and one count of pointing a firearm from an incident on Aug. 22, 2010, when he fired shots to ward off three men who were attempting to firebomb his home.

"I'm somewhat relieved,



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In this January 2012 file photo, Ian Thomson, left, and his lawyer Ed Burley walk out of the Welland courthouse after the first day of his trial. Thomson was acquitted of all charges on Thursday.



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■ COURT

upfront

Conviction could have meant prison sentence

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While those charges were dismissed early on, Niagara Regional Police charged him with two counts of careless storage of firearms, charges which could have seen him sent to prison for a few years if convicted.

In an interview with Sun News Network, Thomson said he had no option but to protect himself when the men, who were sentenced to prison in early December, threw a number of Molotov cocktails at his Snider Rd. home.

I knew as soon as I used a firearm to protect my life that charges would be laid. The Crown seemed to have an agenda to make an example of me."

Ian Thomson

The former firearms instructor told Sun News's Brian Lilley that all of his guns were legally owned.

"I wasn't surprised ... I knew as soon as I used a firearm to protect my life that charges would be laid," he told Lilley on Friday morning. "The Crown seemed to have an agenda to make an example of me and to put the fear into every firearms owner in Canada that you're not allowed to defend your life in circumstances as I faced."

Thomson wanted to thank supporters who showed up for his trial and those who have contributed to his legal defence fund.

"There were people from all over Niagara and Canada that came to court," he told *The Tribune*.

THE EVENTS

Aug 22, 2010: Thomson's Port Colborne home is attacked by four assailants launching Molotov cocktails and uttering death threats. Inside the home at the time, Thomson fires three shots to ward off the attackers.

Aug. 23, 2010: Niagara Regional Police charge Thomson with careless use of a firearm.

November 2010: Niagara Regional Police and the Crown attorney's office lay three additional firearms charges against Thomson relating to the August incident.

December 2010: Two men are arrested in connection with the incident. Randy Weaver, of Port Colborne, and Justin Lee, of Welland, were each charged with arson disregard for human life. Two additional men are later charged in relation to the incident — Richard Coltheart, of Welland, and Michael Theberge, of Port Colborne.

March 2, 2011: A peaceful protest is held outside of the Welland courthouse in support of Thomson as he returns to court. Two charges against Thomson are dropped by the Crown.

Jan 30, 2012: Thomson's trial for the remaining firearms charges begins in a Welland courtroom. After two days, the trial is adjourned to May and then again adjourned to October.

Oct. 25, 2012: Judge Tory Colvin requires more time to review submissions on the case and adjourns to Jan. 3, 2013.

Dec. 3, 2012: The four accused in the firebombing of Thomson's home are sentenced in St. Catharines court.

Jan. 3, 2013: Thomson acquitted on all four counts, which include the two previously dropped charges. The Crown has 30 days to appeal.

Though acquitted by Judge Tory Colvin, whose judgment was rendered in a half-hour-long decision, Thomson and his lawyer Ed Burlew, Canadians for gun sensible lawyer, both said the Crown could appeal the decision.

"The Crown will look it over and figure out what its next step will be," said Burlew on Friday.

"It was an excellent decision and I don't think there were any errors in law ... there's

nothing to me that I would see as constituting grounds to appeal," the Thornhill-based lawyer said.

Burlew said the judge found Thomson had his gun safely stored in a steel locker and that the ammunition, which was stored in his bedroom, was not readily accessible to the guns.

Crown attorney Bob Mahle had made an issue of the ammunition and how accessible it was. The gun was to Thomson during the final stages of the trial on Friday.

"The external video was



In this January 2012 file photo, Ian Thomson leaves the Welland courthouse after the second day of his trial on two counts of careless storage of firearms. Thomson was acquitted of all charges on Jan. 3.

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March 2011.

Burlew said Thomson had to get a key to his safe from a hidden location, unlock the safe and get the gun. "It was never easily accessible."

Colvin, the lawyer said, also relied heavily on video surveillance of the attack on Thomson's home during his decision.

"The external video was a very important part of the

acquittal," said Burlew.

If an appeal is granted, Thomson told Sun News Network he doesn't know what would occur. The law changes.

As for Thomson's guns, seized by police when he was charged, Burlew said if there is no appeal then the firearms and other items taken will be returned.

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■ COMMUNITY: Fundraiser for 5-year-old Jason Bekker-Thompson and family

Barbecue to aid young leukemia patient

VICTORIA GRAY
InPort News Staff

PORt COLBORNE — When disease strikes a family it can devastate more than hearts and souls.

It can also drain bank accounts.



Supplied photo
Jason Bekker-Thompson.

When Jack O'Neill found out five-year-old Jason Bekker-Thompson was diagnosed with T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia in November he immediately thought of his own grandchildren and how awful it would feel watching them suffer and fight to survive.

"People need help and we're a community of helping people," O'Neill said. "I know if I were in that situation people would help me — so we're not in that situation this time, but we're going to help."

So, when the rumble in your stomach starts nagging tonight, grab a bite and give Jason's family a hand at the same time.

Friends of the Thompson family, O'Neill, Brenda Haines and John O'Neill, plan to have a barbecue luncheon at Port Colborne hospital from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to help raise funds for the family's expenses related to Jason's care.

"We just want to help them get through this trying time and hopefully get Jason through this and home safe," O'Neill said.



JACK O'NEIL and other volunteers will host a fundraiser for five-year-old Jason Bekker-Thompson, who was diagnosed with T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia in November. The barbecue luncheon will be at Port Colborne Hospital Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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"We hope everything can come around and he'll have a full life ahead of him."

O'Neill will barbecue outside the hospital through any weather conditions.

Seating is available in the hospital's cafeteria, where volunteers will

serve hamburgers for \$3 and hotdogs for \$2.

Two-dollar raffle tickets will be sold for two sets of tickets to see a Niagara IceDogs hockey game and a 50/50 draw tickets will be sold for \$1 each.

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ourview

Ontario facing its own fiscal cliff

Ontario needs its own Tea Party. Such an addition to the political spectrum, however, would have to be a homegrown version, since the American one is too, well, too American.

We can do without the extreme rhetoric, intransigence, lack of willingness to listen and neurotic aversion to compromise.

The tea partiers south of the border are up in arms about the deal made in Washington to keep the country from going over the fiscal cliff.

The entire world watched with fascination and disbelief the negotiations leading up to that deal — how could any group of legislators be so stubborn — cheering on the participants who finally succeeded in reaching a deal to keep the U.S. and the rest of the world from crashing at the moment.

The Tea Party is unhappy because the deal didn't include any meaningful cuts to government spending.

That, of course, is the issue that plagues Ontario. The province is in desperate need of a strong dedication to expense cuts, although we can be excused if we want something more moderate than the U.S. Tea Party's maniacal devotion to that cause.

Ontario's looming debt crisis has us travelling down the same path as Greece. And you don't have to take my word for that.

Last October, a Canadian think-tank said a European-style debt crisis could happen in a similar way as Ontario's unless the province changes the long-term direction of its finances.

Ontario's debt has more than doubled to more than \$250 billion since Premier Dalton McGuinty came to power and it continues to grow at a rate of \$12 billion a year.

The out-of-control spending was evident in the last provincial election, but Ontario residents decided to return the Liberals to power, albeit minority powers, anyway.

Which is another reason the province needs its own version of the Tea Party. Voters must be made aware of these unconscionable debt levels and the fact they could be leading us over our own debt cliff.

Polls tell us the most popular political leader in the province is Andrea Horwath.

A savvy politician, Horwath has one monkey on her back — she leads the NDP, a party that has never shown much interest in spending controls.

Which brings us back around to the need for a Tea Party to keep excess spending top of mind for both politicians and voters. Without such an organization to push us all, there is little evidence that the province's debt woes will be taken seriously anymore soon.

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I'VE BEEN THINKING

Never stop expecting surprises

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It was likely the latest on Christmas Day that we have ever done it — well past 2 p.m.

I'm not complaining, mind you.

After leading two Christmas Eve services, driving 200 km to my sister's place, arriving at midnight, then visiting for nearly two hours before hitting the hay, this just-turned 55-year-old body did not mind the opportunity to sleep in one bit.

And when we did wake up around 9, we got busy preparing for the Christmas Lunch which needed to be served by noon when my parents would join us. By the time we finished eating, it was almost 2 p.m.

Then when someone brought up the gifts, Ah, the gifts! Yes, let's open gifts!

The youngster in the house had a mature 12-year-old female may have had something to do with the tardiness.

That coupled with the fact that most of us knew pretty much what we were getting for Christmas.

For some it would be cash and gift cards. For the rest of us, it would be one of the items on the lists we had submitted well in advance.

In other words, there was very little

suspense to keep us guessing. Not a whole lot of surprise to build up the anticipation.

Again, I'm not complaining, just reporting the facts.

However, I couldn't help but wonder whether our experience on Christmas Day was that of many of us in the Church.

Have we lost the wonder, the expectancy and the surprise of the first Christmas?

Do our celebrations become so wrapped up in the expected that there is no more room for expectancy?

Do we get too caught up in worrying about all the preparations that we have lost the wonder of it all?

Do our gifts of most-desired items to our loved ones mask the magnitude of the Gift that was given to those who least deserved it? (Romans 5:6-8)

Have we pastors contributed to it by making our Christmas services too predictable?

I wonder.

Make me realize why Jesus said: "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3)

Granted Jesus was talking about humbling himself and repenting in order to simply enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

But we cannot ignore the fact that

children approach everything in life, especially Christmas, with a sense of wonder and expectancy.

Even though they have written their "Dear Santa" letters already, there is still an element of surprise that makes them anticipate what will await them on Christmas morning.

Then, I cannot help but ask the question: "Do we need to repeat of our lack of wonder, expectancy and surprise — not just when it comes to Christmas, but with our entire Christian walk?"

Do we wake up every morning eager to see how God would show up that day?

When we spend time reading His word, do we expect Him to catch us off guard with a surprising revelation?

As we offer our prayers, do we dictate how God should answer these or do we submit to His ways, no matter how offbeat they may be?

When we go to church, do we expect to sit in a comfortable pew, follow the same old format, enjoy the familiar songs and the predictable message or do we hope and pray that God will encounter us in a powerful way that rocks our boat?

Food for thought, eh?

Please pray this with me — if you dare: "Lord, I repeat, I become as a little child. Let me never stop expecting surprises from you. May I never ever lose my sense of wonder. In Jesus' name. Amen."

■ PORT COLBORNE NEW YEAR'S LEVEE: Mayor welcomes community to discuss year to come

Health, economy, infrastructure top 2013 priorities

ALLAN BENNER
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Health care will remain the top priority for Vance Badaway in the year to come.

During a New Year's Levee held at city hall, Sunday, Badaway discussed health care and other priorities with residents who stopped in to visit.



We need to ensure that the world knows why we do business in Niagara."

Mayor Vance Badaway

"We've really enhance in the last three or four years, community-based primary health care," he said.

During that time, he said the introduction of Bridges Community Health Inc., a virtual family health team, interim pharmacists, case team, and other initiatives have enhanced the delivery of medical services for residents, and that's something he intends to continue in the



ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo
Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badaway invited the community to city hall Sunday for his New Year's Levee, including Rose Archer.

year to come.

At the same time, he said the city will continue its focus on establishing "critical care pathways" to ensure that people in need of medical care won't have to travel hours away to get it.

He said that change can be made by enhancing the city's relationship with Kinsmen Inn and Buffalo General Hospital. "They can simply be taken across the border, especially for those that have cardiac (illness) or stroke, or things of that

nature. They can be taken over the border in 25 minutes and be dealt with at a world renown centre over at Buffalo General."

The economy is another major priority for the city, he added.

"We put in place a very robust economic strategy regionally as well as locally," he said, referring to the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone.

"With that now in place, now it's time to give it legs and put it into action," he said. "All of it's branding and marketing, and from there we need to ensure that the world knows why we do business in Niagara."

Meanwhile, he said the city's focus on infrastructure will continue as well.

"We'll be continuing to invest in our community, and with that said, we'll be ensuring that our affordability strategy aligns with it," he said.

The city is currently going through an audit of the services it offers, to take another look at the services it should continue to provide.

"And that services audit is really going to set a range of amount that our taxpayer affordability strategy is implemented sooner rather than later."

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■ WAINFLEET NEW YEAR'S LEVEE: About 12 Christmas trees burned



ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

Wainfleet volunteer firefighters Adrian Taylor, left, and Shawn Schutten tend to a pile of burning Christmas trees during the township's New Year's levee Saturday.

'We are mighty'

ALLAN BENNER
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — While looking forward to a prosperous 2013, the township also faces challenges in the year ahead.

With the assistance of the township's volunteer firefighters, Wainfleet's Mayor April Jeffs held the second annual Christmas Tree burning event as part of the her New Year's levee.

About 30 people gathered to enjoy coffee, hot chocolate and donuts, as about a dozen Christmas trees were piled up behind Wainfleet arena. Jeffs took a lit torch amongst them sparking the fire.

Jeffs said 2012 was "definitely an interesting year for our council."

"We had a lot of issues we were dealing with and kind of carrying on into 2013, but I know we are very united and we get a lot of support from our community. We really do and we really appreciate that," she said.

And in the year to come, she hopes some of those issues can be resolved.

"The septic (inspection) program will be underway, and we know about the lawsuit. I'm hoping all of that will pan out as the year progresses and we have a lot of great things accomplished," she said, referring to the township's plan to resolve the contaminated groundwater issue, as well as the lawsuit filed against the township challenging its bylaw regulating where wind turbines can be built.

She said Wainfleet residents and aldermen don't always agree on issues, but "at the end of the day we come together as a really strong community."

"Even though we are small, we are mighty," she added.

For now, however, she hopes Wainfleet residents can spend time skating on the Feeder Canal.

"I saw some kids skating out there today," she added.

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Wynne says municipalities need more control over green projects

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TORONTO — Kathleen Wynne wants municipalities to have more control over green energy projects.

The province's Liberal leadership candidate released her plan last week to support Ontario communities and enable them to prosper, including her intentions regarding the renewable energy sector.

"We need to move forward with our clean energy agenda in a thoughtful and collaborative way," Wynne said during a media teleconference to outline her plan.

"I know that we didn't get it perfect the first time around, but I will work with partners and communities across the province to get it right," she said.

That means greater municipal autonomy and local control on the siting of green energy infrastructure."

Wynne called it necessary to ensure "we have willing hosts" when it comes to both energy and gaming infrastructure projects. She believes Ontario's Ministry of Energy has already begun the process by putting in a requests for proposals process for host sites.

"That's a good start," she said, but while adding the government must also look at how it can "get better community buy-in."

"I think the communities have ideas on how they would like to see the process work," she said, calling for further input from municipalities on how projects should be located.

These potential changes, Wynne stressed, do not mean there will be 100% consensus in communities receiving these projects, as there will likely com-



tinue to be "controversial aspects and discussions."

But as the Green Energy Act was implemented to "jump start" the field, Ontario's long-term energy plans need to be reviewed.

Wynne would like to see any factors in the act that may have "led to conflict and community conflict" addressed, while still moving forward to "build a modern, reliable and stable clean energy system."

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■ **COMMUNITY:** Donation enough to equip six Wainfleet players

Firefighters help minor hockey

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WAINFLEET — Thanks to Wainfleet Township volunteer firefighters, some children will have the opportunity to play hockey this season.

The volunteer firefighters sponsored six players participating in the Wainfleet Minor Hockey Association's tyke program. Through fundraising initiatives, the volunteer firefighters have given \$1,500 to the minor hockey association.

"It's enough money to outfit each of the kids with the equipment they need to play," said Matt Devries, a volunteer firefighter at Wainfleet Fire Department.

He said various other sports and recreation programs, including figure skating and soccer, are supported by volunteer firefighters in Wainfleet.

Mous added that sponsoring sports

programs to help children who wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity to play is important because it teaches children sportsmanship and allows them to make friends.

"If it wasn't for hockey, I wouldn't have some of the friends that I have. We still play hockey today," Mous said.

Volunteer firefighter Matt Devries said the Wainfleet Fire Department would like to thank the community in their fundraising efforts, which included a public skate held Dec. 16 to collect non-perishable food items and toys. About 150 attended, which helped to fill 18 food hampers given to families in need this holiday season.

Daryl Brown, the hockey association's development program co-ordinator, said Wainfleet minor hockey appreciates the long-time support of the volunteer firefighters.

Continued infrastructure investment in roads, bridges and public transit. Consultation with mayors and municipal leaders to ensure Ontario's infrastructure blueprints, Places to Grow and Growth Plan for Northern Ontario, are on the right track. Increase of local control on the siting of energy and OLG infrastructure. Work with the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association to review the fact that some small municipalities, because of their size, are carrying too much of the burden for provincially mandated programs.

Develop a regional and community transportation strategy to support implementation of transportation between and within rural and northern communities. Call on the federal government to commit to a national transit strategy with a dedicated transit fund that includes investment for smaller communities.

To read Wynne's full plan, [The Way We Move Forward](http://TheWayWeMoveForward.ca), visit www.kathleenwynne.ca/theway.

WYNNE'S PLANS FOR COMMUNITIES



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strategy to support implementation of transportation between and within rural and northern communities.

Call on the federal government to commit to a national transit strategy with a dedicated transit fund that includes investment for smaller communities.

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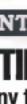
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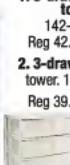


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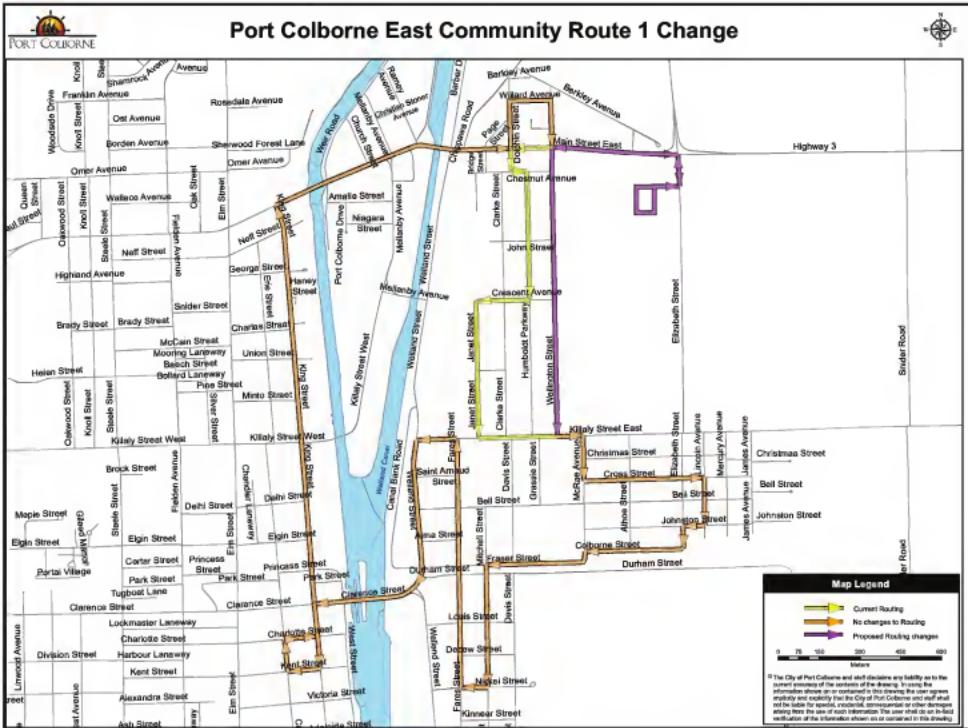
Proposed Routing: City Hall, east on Charlotte; left onto King St.; right onto Main St. (Hwy. 3) cross bridge; left onto Dolphin; right onto Willard; right onto Wellington; left

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■ MID-TERM INTERVIEW: April Jeffs says she's listening to residents' concerns

Lawsuit, beach access faced by Wainfleet mayor

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Roadwork, the Big Pipe, arena work, septic system inspection program, wind turbines and solar power

— some of the issues tackled by Wainfleet council in the first half of this four-year term.

And Mayor April Jeffs says there's still plenty more to take on.

"It's been quite the past

couple of years," said the mayor who was elected with three other rookie politicians in fall 2010.

Ald. Ted Hessels served a term before becoming the only re-elected councillor.

Jeffs says the Big Pipe — a water and sewer servicing plan for the lakeshore put forth by Niagara Region — was the first big issue tackled by her council, and that led to the septic system inspection program

which should get underway this spring.

Wind turbines popped up partway through the first year and has grown to be one of the biggest issues council is dealing with.

Wainfleet

passed a moratorium on the construction of wind turbine farms in the township and also passed a two-kilometre set-back from residential properties on the turbines. Both moves though hold no weight as the province's Green Energy Act supercedes any decision or bylaw passed by council.

The township is being sued over its setback bywind and it will be before the courts this year.

Jeffs says council is not opposed to green energy, but it has concerns about wind turbines, including health and safety issues.

"People in the community have grave concerns they want to see addressed before the turbines go up."

It's council's job, she says, to listen to what residents have to say on the issue. She keeps hearing from people concerned over possible property devaluation from the installation of turbines nearby.

"We're doing the right thing. How can we welcome something into the community with so many unanswered questions?"

Jeffs says the

Matters pertaining to Wainfleet Arena and fire and building code violations popped up partway through the year.

Jeffs says council had gone after funding to possibly refurbish the arena, but was unsuccessful. Council did, though, however, to bring in fire inspection costs \$40,000 under budget and that work was enough to allow the arena to open.

The mayor says the work will last for quite a while, and in the meantime, council will continue to put money in a reserve for the arena.

Creation is an area the mayor would like to focus more on in the next two years of council's term.

"Personally, as mayor, I'd love to see more parks and trails for kids. It doesn't have to be to the scale that Port Colborne's. The kids in Wainfleet just want somewhere to go."

Jeffs says with the mayor's youth council already working on it, it can be achievable goal.

Beach access and use is another issue she sees being addressed over the next two years. It's actually an ongoing issue, says the mayor, that seems to be improving.

"We want a balance between people who want to use our beaches and the residents who live beside them."

This past year, council put a security guard at Augustine Beach to curb activities such as drinking on the beach, and things seemed to have improved there.

"The lakeshore is a valuable asset, we hear it time and time again."

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■ CANINE WATER RESCUE

Molly's owners grateful as pet recovering from plunge

MARYANNE FIRTH
 Tribune Staff

WAINFLEET — Molly made it home in time to ring in the new year with her family.

It was a close call for the friendly dog who fell through the ice and into the freezing waters at the Welland River.

Both Wainfleet and Haldimand County fire depart-

ments were called in to rescue the canine, which spent about two hours struggling in the icy waters before she was pulled out. Molly had been walking across the thinning ice when she slipped into the waterway at the Chippawa Creek Conservation Area along Creek Road.

Though the initial emergency call, made by Molly's owner with the help of bystander Kimberly Robb,

was made at 12:30 p.m., emergency crews had to wait for the arrival of specially trained and equipped members of Haldimand County Fire Department's Water and Ice Rescue program.

Molly was pulled from the water using an inflatable rescue boat at about 2:15 p.m.

She was taken to Dunnville Veterinary Clinic, where she remained overnight.

On Monday morning, Molly returned home though she's not yet out of the woods. She's on several medications to combat effects of hypothermia and may undergo further testing next week, said Liz Skene, a family member speaking on behalf of the dog's owners.

"She seems to be recovering," Skene said, calling it a "miracle" that Molly survived

after two hours in the water's chilling temperatures.

"She is so loved in our home and we're so grateful that we still have her here with us."

Molly's owners, the Knight family, asked for privacy but wished to send out a heartfelt thank you to all who assisted in her rescue.

"Heroes are our ordinary every day individuals who

respond with acts of compassion to the crisis or situation at hand," they wrote in an e-mail.

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WELLINGPORT — Progression has found a home in Port Colborne.

Though it hasn't been all smooth sailing, the lakeside city has made significant strides over the past few years in infrastructure improvements, economic investment and the fight for equitable access to health care, says Mayor Vance Badaway.

Two years into this four-year term, Badaway reflects on the city's past progress and touches on work still needed to be done.

One of the city's biggest accomplishments is the more than \$65 million in infrastructure improvements the city has put four years with little to no impact on taxpayers, Badaway says. The city has benefited from funding from the federal, provincial and regional levels of government.

This has allowed Port Colborne to leverage its dollars and accelerate 2012 years worth of work in a short period of time, he says.

That funding included the sale of Port Colborne Hydro Inc.'s leased assets to Canadian Niagara Power for \$15.6 million, which was finalized in spring 2012.

"We had the opportunity to rebuild the community," he says, referring to the reconstruction of Main St., construction

of the Vale Health and Wellness Centre and the various community improvements plans the city has underway.

"We have a robust menu of incentives that investors can take advantage of," he says, adding a mix of business and lifestyle assets have been created to make Port Colborne look that much more appealing.

"We've become a very attractive place to live, work and play in."

Economic investment will continue to be a main focus for Port Colborne in the new year.

The establishment of the Gateway Economic Centre and Zone Strategy at the regional level builds on Port Colborne's and Niagara's economic assets and is a major component of the city's overall economic strategy, Badaway says.

"Despite recent economic challenges, we still have a solid manufacturing base supported by significant road, rail, marine and air infrastructure and an educated work force," he adds.

One issue that has, however, plagued the city in recent years is a lack of access to health-care services.

"Health care is and continues to be our No. 1 priority," Badaway says, adding the city is taking it upon itself to "address health care in a way no other municipality has."

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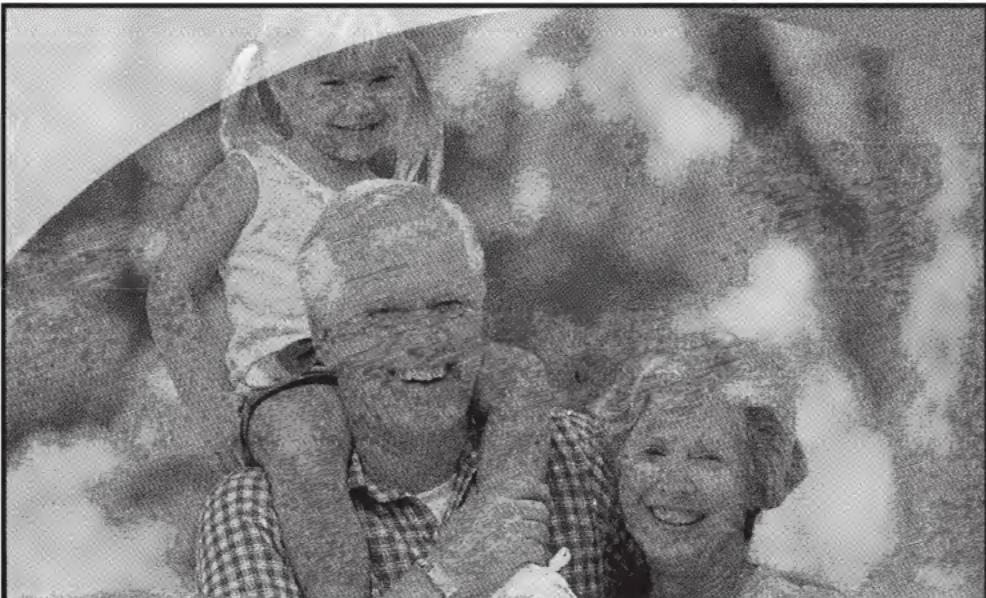
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■ PORT COLBORNE

City rewarded for health-care delivery methods

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Port Colborne has become a leader in developing new and innovative health-care delivery methods, he says, with the city even rewarded for its efforts by the Mental Ontario Medicine Program.

"We're going to continue to fight for equitable access to health care in south Niagara."

Whether it's a one-, five- or 10-year fight, Port Colborne is "in it for the long haul."

Moving forward, Port Colborne and its southern partners, through South Niagara Health Care, plan to ensure gaps left in the final report by Niagara Health system supervisor Kevin Smith will be addressed, Badaway says.

The plan is to have a list of recommendations submitted to Health Minister Deb Matthews that establish critical care pathways in south Niagara based on best practice standards.

"It's all about the attitude,

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"Where we've been and where we're going is all about 'we,'" Badaway says of his Port Colborne team that has helped the city make strides in a number of sectors in recent years.

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Port Colborne drainage superintendent and engineering assistant Henri Benmerre, Mayor Vance Badaway, engineering and operations director Ron Hanson and engineering services manager Jim Huppuner look over development plans at Port Colborne city hall.



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